

News Release

Two Presentations by Internationally-renowned Speaker, Author, Explorer Broughton Coburn Slated for the U of M Crookston on Thursday, November 18, 2010, in Kiehle Auditorium; Presentations at Noon and 7 p.m. are Free and the Public is Invited

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The explorations of author Broughton Coburn in Nepal, India, and Tibet, along with his book Aama in America: A Pilgrimage of the Heart, are the subject of two presentations slated for Thursday, November 18, 2010, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. Coburn, an explorer, internationally-renowned speaker, author, and conservationist, lived in the Himalayas of Nepal, Tibet and India for more than two of the past three decades.



The first of his presentations, entitled, "Secrets of Shangri La," begins at noon and the second, "Aama's Journey," will take place at 7 p.m. Both presentations will be held in Kiehle Auditorium. The programs are both free and the public is invited to attend. Attendees are encouraged to bring canned food items as a donation to the local food shelf.

Coburn graduated from Harvard College in 1973, then fulfilled a destiny with the Himalayas. He developed documentary films and oversaw environmental conservation and development efforts for the World Bank, UNESCO, World Wildlife Fund, and other agencies.



Two of Coburn's books form the foundation for the Aama's Journey illustrated program. Nepali Aama: Life Lessons of a Himalayan Woman documents Aama's life as an elderly, subsistence farmer in the foothills of the Himalayas. The sequel, Aama in America: A Pilgrimage of the Heart is the dramatic and poignant tale of their 12,000 mile odyssey in search of the soul of the United States.

In addition to acclaim as an illustrated lecture program, this story has been widely excerpted and a feature film screenplay is in progress. In 1997, Coburn was awarded the American Alpine Club's Literary Achievement Award for his body of work.

In 2008, Coburn received a grant from the National Geographic Society to co-lead, with climber and adventurer Pete Athans, a scientific expedition to a remote region of Nepal near the Tibet border. The team made some unusual discoveries that are the subject of two National Geographic Television Specials that premiered last November on PBS. This program offers a behind-the-scenes look at that production and the exciting expedition itself.

The program is funded by Concerts & Lectures, Thursday Commons, International Programs, and Students in Free Enterprise (SIFE). To learn more about Broughton Coburn and his work, visit <http://broughtoncoburn.com>.

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